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Kennedy:
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Joe Kennedy's Privacy Complaint

In an emotional address on the House floor yesterday, Rep. Joe Kennedy denounced the broadcasting of his uncle John F. Kennedy's autopsy photographs on national television. Kennedy said that he and his 11-year-old twin sons were stunned to see the gory photographs while watching the NBC nightly news Monday.

"I want the people of this chamber to know how outrageous an act I feel that was, how harmful to my family I feel that was," he said.

In fact, so upset was the family by photos, used to illustrate a new medical journal report on the Kennedy shooting,

that they tried to have them pulled from the delayed westcoast network broadcast. Through a spokesman, Sen. Ted Kennedy called the use of pictures "gratuitously offensive."

On the floor, Joe Kennedy thundered, "Our family has spoken loud and clear and said that we want whatever records that this chamber and the Senate feel are necessary to conduct an investigation be made available to the public. We ask for one thing, which is that the autopsy photographs remain private. And last night the national news chose to break that request."

A spokesman for NBC declined comment.